

June 19, 2009

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RE: LARGE-SCALE WIND TURBINE SITING ON STATE OWNED LAND

Dear Sir:

I would like to thank you, DCR Commissioner Rick Sullivan, DOER Commissioner Philip Giudice and members of the panel for hosting the listening session held at Massachusetts Maritime Academy on June 17, 2009. As a resident of Massachusetts and concerned citizen I would like to submit testimony voicing my concerns in regard to the minimum set-back of, large-scale wind turbines, 1000 feet away from residential homes. In light of the recent wind turbine collapse, March 6, 2009, in upper state Altona, NY and the pending results of the investigation by the Safety Commission of New York on the cause of failure of two turbines and collapse of one, and the not yet determined distance of scattered debris I feel this set-back is not adequate to protect the public.

In addition, the protection of conservation land where a landowner with a love for his land and desire to protect it from development has entered into an agreement with the state to protect the lands conservation values and restricts future development upon that land should not be overlooked.

Safety concerns, potential loss in property value, negative health effects, and quality of life issues must be properly evaluated on a case by case basis and adequate compensation, (fair market value), provided if it is determined wind turbines are most suitable in close proximity to residents.

Your thoughtful consideration is most appreciated.

Respectfully,

Bridget Earle